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1 A. INSIDE SATURDAY NYTIMES HAD US OPPOSES FRENCH TESTS; ALSO BRANDT SAID TO OPPOSE NEW ATLANTIC CHARTER; ALSO SOVIET JEWS APPEAL TO KISSINGER LINDSAY. WASHPOST REPORTED SALT RESUMED IN GENEVA; LONG STORIES ON MBFR FROM BONN AND LONDON.

1 B. SUNDAY MONDAY HAVE USUALLY BRIEF STORIES ON KISSINGER. MONDAY NYTIMES HAS PHOTO OF THOUSANDS IN PARIS PROTESTING TESTS.

2. MBFR. WASHPOST HEADED GOSHKO BONN, US CONCESSION ON HUNGARY BREAKS IMPASSE IN TROOP TALKS, GOSHKO REPORTING THAT AFTER THREE MONTHS OF DEADLOCK EXPLORATORY TALKS ON REDUCTION WILL FINALLY BEGIN IN VIENNA-- BUT ONLY BECAUSE OF WHAT APPEARS TO BE A MAJOR CONCESSION BY US AND NATO ALLIES TO SO PUBLIC FOR VISA BUSINESS AND WE ARE DRAWING ALL THE SUPPORT WE CAN FROM OTHER SECTIONS OF THE EMBASSY, BUT STILL WE ARE UNABLE TO KEEP UP WITH THE DAILY DEMAND AND DAMPEN THE MOUNTING COMPLAINTS REGARDING OUR INABILITY TO HANDLE THE WORKLOAD. ON FRIDAY WE WERE NOT ABLE TO OPEN ALL THE MAIL APPLICATIONS RECEIVED ON THURSDAY. WE WERE NOT ABLE EVEN TO COMPLETE PROCESSING THE MAIL WE DID OPEN. THEREFORE, TODAY WE ARE FACED WITH 3 DAYS WORK, INCLUDING SATURDAY'S MAIL.

SECONDLY, THE CONSULAR SECTION IS MORE OR LESS A SELF- SUSTAINING OPERATION FINANCIAL- WISE. IN FISCAL YEAR 1972, OVER L154,000,000 STERLING AND OVER \$98,000.00 US WERE TAKEN IN AS CONSULAR FEES AT LONDON ALONE. THIS TOTALS ALMOST HALF A MILLION DOLLARS. ALTHOUGH I UNDERSTAND THAT CONSULAR FEES ARE PAID INTO TREASURY GENERAL FUNDS, AND THAT THERE IS NO RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN CONSULAR FEES AND MONIES ALLOCATED TO COVER EXPENSES OF CONSULAR OPERATIONS, PERHAPS THERE SHOULD BE.

IN ORDER TO MEET OUR BASIC SHORT AND LONG- TERM NEEDS NOW THROUGH SEPTEMBER, I MAKE THREE URGENT RECOMMENDATIONS:

1) ALLOCATION OF SUFFICIENT FUNDS NOW TO ALLOW THE POST TO GIVE OVERTIME PAY TO 5 VISA CLERKS AND 2 VISA OFFICERS FOR APPROXIMATELY 4 HOURS EACH ON SATURDAYS FROM NOW THROUGH JULY (WE NEED TO INITIATE THIS ON MAY 12); 2) AUTHORIZE THE HIRING OF AMERICAN DEPENDENTS TEMPORARILY FROM NOW THROUGH SEPT IF SUITABLE NON-AMERICAN PERSONS ARE NOT AVAILABLE AS NEEDED TO FILL RECURRING CLERICAL VACANCIES (ONE KEY LOCAL LEAVES MAY 11); 3) AUTHORIZE AND PROVIDE REQUIRED FUNDING FOR 13 CONSULAR PIT POSITIONS AS ALREADY REQUESTED IN PREVIOUS TELEGRAMS TO THE DEPARTMENT. HOWEVER, BECAUSE RECRUITMENT IS A SLOW PROCESS IN THE UK, IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT WE HAVE THE ASSISTANCE REQUESTED IN THE FIRST TWO RECOMMENDATIONS UNTIL WE CAN BRING ON BOARD AND TRAIN THESE TEMPORARY PIT EMPLOYEES.

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